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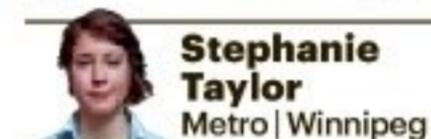


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INCIDENT

X-rated chopper talk prompted system changes



**Stephanie
Taylor**
Metro | Winnipeg

It seems the cost of keeping private conversations between helicopter officers, well, private is roughly \$450.

An invoice dated from mid-July last year shows the police replaced the on/off switch of the PA system on AIR1 with one that locks, for a total price of \$447.46.

"It was part of the response to our investigation into the public address incident," said patrol Sgt. Rob Duttchen of the flight operations unit.

That incident is none other than when the chopper's PA system was accidentally switched on during a patrol flight one evening last June, broadcasting some officers' naughty conversation that involved comments about oral sex to numerous residents of the West End and downtown.

People took to social media to describe what they heard.

"Does the #Winnipeg chopper realize the entire West End can hear their convo about b-w jobs right now?" asked Twitter user Natcello.

"We had the PA rewired so that you couldn't have it inadvertently broadcast, so you have to press a button to be able to talk," said Duttchen.

The power switch has since been shrouded, which he said means an officer would have to lift a lock, flip a switch, and then re-lock it in place.

Police apologized for the incident and offered this explanation: "The involved members were not able to hear the public address system from within the aircraft. They became aware their conversation had been broadcast and immediately turned the system off."

The officers involved were disciplined.

**“We had the PA
re-wired ... so you
have to press a
button to be able
to talk.”**

Sgt. Rob Duttchen

The money to lock the helicopter's PA switch is chump change compared to what the Winnipeg Police Service has spent fixing AIR1 over the past five years. **metroNEWS**

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COMMUNICATIONS

Deal pending approval by regulator

BCE Inc. and the Manitoba government would not rule out higher cell phone and broadband Internet prices if the company's plan to purchase Manitoba Telecom Services Inc. is approved by regulators.

But one certainty, they promised, is faster, more reliable coverage across the province.

"I think it's way too early to speculate on (price changes). What I know

with certainty is that quality will go up," said BCE group president Wade Oosterman.

Premier Brian Pallister noted, "you get what you pay for."

"We've had cheaper, limited services. Now we get better service," he said.

Montreal-based BCE Inc. announced earlier this month a friendly deal, valued at \$3.9 billion, to have Bell buy Manitoba Telecom Services, or MTS. The move would leave Manitoba with one less provider.

The deal requires approval from regulators including the federal government and the Canadian Radio-television and

Telecommunications Commission. As part of the deal, Bell is promising to spend \$1 billion on improvements over five years.

Oosterman, Pallister and others said the first of those planned improvements will be three cell towers to fill in dead zones along highway 75, the major link between Winnipeg and the United States border.

Pallister said he is hopeful the Bell-MTS deal will lead to filling in other dead zones in the province, such as the Vita area in the southeast, where municipal and emergency officials have long complained about a lack of communication infrastructure.

The government is willing to consider putting money on the table to make that happen, he added.

Oosterman would not specify what

other parts of the province might see improvements but said, generally, some areas that are out of service range now will be brought in.

The opposition NDP in Manitoba said the Bell-MTS deal will be bad news for consumers.

"In jurisdictions with less competition — such as Toronto — cell phone rates are almost double the cost as in Manitoba," Maloway said in a written statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Brian Pallister



Premier Brian Pallister said Manitobans get what they pay for with their mobile phone and Internet services. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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CROWN CORPORATION
Province to avoid privatizing

Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister has released his marching orders to cabinet ministers, including a directive to not privatize the province's biggest Crown corporation.

Pallister has released the mandate letters given to his 12 ministers — an outline of his expectations for them in the wake of the Tories' election win last month.

The mandate for Ron Schuler, minister for Crown services, says his top priority — "above all else" — is to keep Manitoba Hydro public.

The former NDP government accused Pallister of having secret plans to privatize Hydro, and Pallister says the accusation was false.

Pallister also says he will not privatize other government bodies such as Manitoba Public Insurance or Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries.

The mandate letters mostly direct cabinet ministers to fulfil Tory campaign promises — everything from eliminating a public subsidy for political parties to cutting the provincial sales tax by one point by 2020.

When asked whether he might follow Saskatchewan's lead and sell some government liquor stores, Pallister said he wouldn't because liquor stores may be the sale points for legalized marijuana.

"Frankly, with the legalization of marijuana issue ... I think it would just be an inopportune time to proceed in that manner. So no, that's not on the radar." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chopper repair costs soar

metronews EXCLUSIVE

AIR1 invoices from '15 show police paid \$180,000-plus

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Records show maintenance costs to keep Winnipeg's police helicopter are closing in on sky-high.

Under freedom of information legislation, Metro obtained records of 264 invoices billed to the service for repairs and refurbishments performed on the chopper, known as AIR1, from 2011-2015.

Last year, the totals from 72 invoices show it required more than \$180,000 worth of equipment upgrades.

The city mostly refused to say which parts were replaced.

In total, there were 98 invoices filed for 2015, but some of those costs were not released.

That means the figure of \$180,000 represents only a possible minimum of the total bill.

Even so, the records indicate the price of upgrading the chopper seems to have nearly doubled over the past year.

In 2014, there were 54 invoices filed for at least \$60,000 worth of refits, compared to 49 bills and a minimum of \$46,500 spent in 2013.

"The life-cycle costs of the aircraft ... they escalate," said patrol Sgt. Rob Duttchen of the



Two pilots aboard AIR1. WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE/HANDOUT

flight operations unit.

"The longer the aircraft is in operation, the more components come due and the more expensive those components are."

In order to keep AIR1 in flight, the service must adhere to a maintenance regime mandated by Transport Canada and the manufacturer's specifications.

"Everything, from the smallest screw to the most integral

component like the rotor blades, has a predetermined life based upon the hours of service," explained Duttchen.

With the chopper now logging more than 5,000 hours of flight time, he said more major parts are due for replacement, such as a tail rotor gearbox and

main gearbox.

"Those are expensive components," said Duttchen.

Also included on that list is a new infrared camera, which city financial documents show is budgeted at \$360,000.

In order to minimize costs, Duttchen said the service opts

for paying to refurbish equipment rather than buying brand new.

Maintenance costs are also recovered through the province's funding agreement to pay for the operation of the helicopter, which has also seen a steady rise to more than \$1.7 million in 2014.

Duttchen said in the next six years, AIR1 will be required to undergo a major inspection and overhaul, which would see the chopper stripped to its frame and essentially rebuilt.

"Yes, there is an increase in life-cycle maintenance costs that's going on right now, but you have to remember that (when) procuring a new helicopter, you're looking at multiple millions of dollars, as opposed to a comparatively small amount for the ongoing maintenance," he explained.

Duttchen also highlighted that perhaps, the biggest savings come from the chopper's impact on police operations. "We close doors on future liability by our presence, and that value is intangible," he said.

"It not only reduced the liability of the police service, the city, it reduces the danger to the public, the danger to the offenders, the danger to police, and the subsequent costs to investigate the incident because we now have a video of what exactly happened."

Duttchen anticipates the annual report on AIR1's flight operations during 2015 will be presented to the city's police board by the end of June.

— WITH FILES BY BRAEDEN JONES

POLITICS

PCs plan review of aircraft

The new Progressive Conservative government still plans to proceed with an independent review of AIR1.

"There is a process underway to select an agency for the review," a spokesperson for the office of the justice minister wrote in a recent email to Metro.

"The results of the process will be assessed by the justice minister before conducting the review."

Coun. Scott Gillingham, chairman of the city's police board, said the future of the helicopter program would also be discussed with whomever is hired to replace retiring police boss Devon Clunis.

He said the board is "keenly interested" to see what the province concludes, but expressed that his personal opinion is one of openness to change.

"I'm open to whatever will be the best use of taxpayer resources," Gillingham said.

The city introduced the chopper program in 2010, after purchasing the aircraft for \$3.5 million and striking an agreement with the province to fund its annual operating costs.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

SUPPLIERS

Six companies supplied parts for the helicopter:

Turbomeca Canada Inc., Quebec; Novex Hellitrades Inc., Edmonton; Midwest Avionics, Winnipeg; Flyrite Accessory Overhauls, Edmonton; Dart Aerospace, Ontario; Airbus Helicopters, Ontario; Eurocopter Canada, Ontario.

Year-by-year breakdown of repair and refurbishment costs to AIR1

2011:
\$9,303.32 (calculated using released invoice totals from 3 out of 7 bills)

2012:
\$57,975.02 (calculated using released invoice totals from 26 out of 56 bills)

2013:
\$46,523.38 (calculated using released invoice totals from 18 out of 49 bills)

2014:
\$60,276.38 (calculated using released invoice totals from 24 out of 54 bills)

2015:
\$180,461.11 (72 out of 98 bills)
Five-year total: \$354,563.21

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Busy police tweet apology

CRIME

Service uses social media to explain longer wait times

Shane Gibson
For Metro

A shooting in the North End and a high volume of calls kept police busy Saturday night and led the force's communications office to make a rare move on Twitter.

"We were making some apologies to people who had called indicating that there would be long wait times and I thought maybe what I should do is get that message out to a broader audience," explained police spokesperson Const. Rob Carver Monday. "We have a commit-



The Independent Investigations Unit were on the scene Sunday on McPhillips Street. REDDIT/WPGKEN

ment to citizens to either be able to provide the service they need or to explain if there's going to

be a delay, and in this case there was going to be a delay."

Officers were called to the 400 block of Aberdeen Avenue around 6:30 p.m. Saturday where a man in his thirties had been shot. He was taken to hospital in critical condition where he has since been upgraded to stable.

Carver said long weekends — especially when the weather is

hot and sunny — often see a spike in calls to police for service, and when those calls include a shooting, resources can get stretched very quickly.

By 7:18 p.m., and with hundreds of calls waiting for dispatch, police used their Twitter account to let their followers know what they were dealing with.

"Very busy Sat. night on the

May long. At the height - 200 calls waiting for dispatch. We apologize for the delay. Thx for your patience," read the tweet from @wpgpolice.

Carver stressed during times of high call volumes like they saw Saturday, dispatchers use a triage approach similar to what a hospital emergency room does to prioritize patients to make sure officers respond to the most pressing calls first.

He said police were able to get caught up on the calls before the phones started ringing again Sunday night and into Monday morning when a home was shot at in the 2100 block of Gallagher Avenue around 3:30 a.m. and a vehicle police were chasing crashed into another vehicle at McPhillips Street and Redwood Avenue around 2:45 a.m.

No one was injured in the shooting and the Independent Investigation Unit is investigating the chase and subsequent crash that left the occupants of the other vehicle — two adults and four children — in hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Carver said the force is working to use social media as a way of getting their message out quickly.

APPOINTMENT Deputy Chief named

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

The Winnipeg Police Service leadership wasn't short handed for long.

Chief Devon Clunis has announced that Supt. Gord Perrier has been named as the Deputy Chief of Operations.

Perrier — who joined the WPS forensics unit in 1992 and uniform operations in 1994 — was promoted to the superintendent rank in 2013.

He has since been responsible for human resources, training and behaviour health services units.



Supt. Gord Perrier. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

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Students march to celebrate diversity



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More than 2,000 students with homemade silk banners marched in unison to mark a year of learning about human rights.

The Winnipeg School Division (WSD) students gathered near the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, then marched a circle around the building as a symbolic tribute to diversity and equity.

"That is very significant — because a circle means that nobody is higher than anybody else — we're all equal," said WSD board vice-chairwoman Sherri Rollins. "We are working together as an entire school division to honour the wholeness of our community."

Students from each WSD school carried silk banners they made for the march over the past year — after being chal-

lenged to build the collective understanding of diversity by Mayor Brian Bowman last October — each showing their own take on equal rights.

Fatima Mota, the WSD Superintendent of Inclusive Education, Equity and Diversity, said Friday the challenge opened students to organic discussions and helped broach difficult subjects.

"(His) challenge created an opportunity for dialogue in safe classroom settings, where students are learning about

and sharing their naturally receptive attitudes towards inclusiveness of all Canadians, regardless of colour, race or religion," Mota said.

Bowman, who also spoke to the students at the march, said it was important to identify the barriers to inclusivity, and "outline a path to success for all citizens in our journey toward unity and behaving as one Winnipeg — a diverse and inclusive city," he said.



Students gather at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

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Sherri Rollins, WSD board vice-chairperson



Witchpolice host Sam Thompson is changing the whole podcast's format for one live show. MEG CRANE/FOR METRO

Improvised bands to improvise songs

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Witchpolice podcast changing its format



Meg Crane
For Metro | Winnipeg

Witchpolice host Sam Thompson says for the podcast's third live show, it's doing something people have never seen before.

The music podcast, which has been around since 2012,

usually consists of a musician being interviewed and then performing a song based on a random theme word.

"We decided to just completely blow it up and try something new," said Thompson.

He invited people who have been on the show before to perform at The Park Theatre on May 30 for the Witchpolice Radio's Big Mix-UP.

However, they're going to be performing with musicians they've never played with before, who come from different genres.

The musicians' names will be grouped together based

on what they play, and then five or six people's names will be drawn at random to go on stage.

"So, if we put a guy in a metal band with a flugelhorn player and like a funk drummer or something, it's going to be way more weird and

bizarre and possibly horrible, but fun, than if we just had a rock guy with a rock guy with a rock guy," said Thompson.

The audience will yell themes or musical styles out at the improvised band, and with only a few minutes to chat, they'll use that suggestion as inspiration for a song.

"Part of the, I guess, novelty of this is people are getting out of their comfort zone," Thompson said.

Thompson said he has no idea how the show is going to turn out, but so far there has been a lot of interest from performers and audience members alike.

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Witchpolice host Sam Thompson

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A British Columbia man is facing charges of fraud under \$5,000 for allegedly impersonating a Fort McMurray evacuee and taking advantage of people trying to help, police say. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Man charged over Fort McMurray fraud

CRIME

Assistance given to people thought to be wildfire victims

Police say a British Columbia man is facing charges for allegedly impersonating a Fort McMurray evacuee and taking advantage of people who were trying to help.

The RCMP says it received a complaint from Family and Community Support Services in Claresholm, Alta., about a

man and woman suspected of pretending to be among the wildfire evacuees.

Police allege the man travelled to Claresholm and "took advantage" of people who thought they were helping wildfire victims.

They say Darryl Rondeau, 45, of Victoria, B.C., has been charged with fraud under \$5,000.

Kieth Carlson, owner of Roy's Place restaurant in Claresholm, said he wasn't surprised when police contacted him about the case. He said he was suspicious not long after a woman came into the restaurant asking for

a job. She said she had fled the flames in Fort McMurray with only the clothes on her back.

"I said, 'I'm looking for cooks,' and she claimed she knew how to cook," Carlson said. "I said, 'Well, let's give you a job.'"

But he said when she returned later with her partner, she said she had a health issue, and the man was concerned that the stress she was going through might exacerbate it. She couldn't accept the job.

"When she didn't take the job and had a few excuses about everything, I just went, OK, they're not in that big of

a need," Carlson said.

Despite his suspicions, Carlson invited the couple back to the restaurant that evening for a free meal. They ordered steaks, Carlson believes.

Carlson said they asked him to come out of the kitchen to thank him, but he sent word back to their table that he was busy and that it was no big deal.

RCMP allege the couple never actually lived in Fort McMurray and had no ties to Alberta. Police said while they were in Claresholm, townspeople provided them with a place to stay, clothes, meals and bought a pair of work boots. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DEBIT CARDS

Alta. NDP criticized over transparency

 **Jeremy Simes**
For Metro | Calgary

The Alberta NDP has been smoky about administration costs to dole out debit cards for Fort McMurray residents, leaving some wondering why they can't get answers.

Since end of day Wednesday, the government's \$100-million relief program saw the expenditure of \$73.1 million to assist 70,252 people, prompting Fort McMurray resident Frank Bayuk to question what will happen to the remainder and admin costs associated with the program.

The government, however, wouldn't provide figures on how much it has spent on the debit card program, even though it has outlined the associated costs for

a contractor to roll it out.

John Archer, Government of Alberta media officer, said the government isn't in a position to tabulate or discuss admin costs as it's focused on delivering necessary services to those affected by the fire.

Bayuk, who is staying in an Edmonton hotel, said he wishes the government was more transparent.

Archer said remaining dollars will stay within government for "other priorities," adding administration costs will be on top of the budgeted \$100 million.

Though the government hasn't released costs associated with the debit card program, Wildrose environment critic Todd Loewen said money could have been saved if the NDP relief funds electronically.

IN BRIEF

Trudeau, Abe to talk partnership in Japan

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will sit down with his Japanese counterpart Tuesday to discuss the countries' business ties as well as security co-operation before the Group of Seven summit later this week.

Trudeau's agenda for his meeting with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe includes issues like investment, education and trade, such as the huge 12-country treaty known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Trudeau will also meet the presidents of Honda, Toyota and Subaru. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PM to 'explore' Expo bid

Toronto Mayor John Tory says that he won't support a bid to host Expo 2025 unless the federal and provincial governments commit to footing part of the bill.

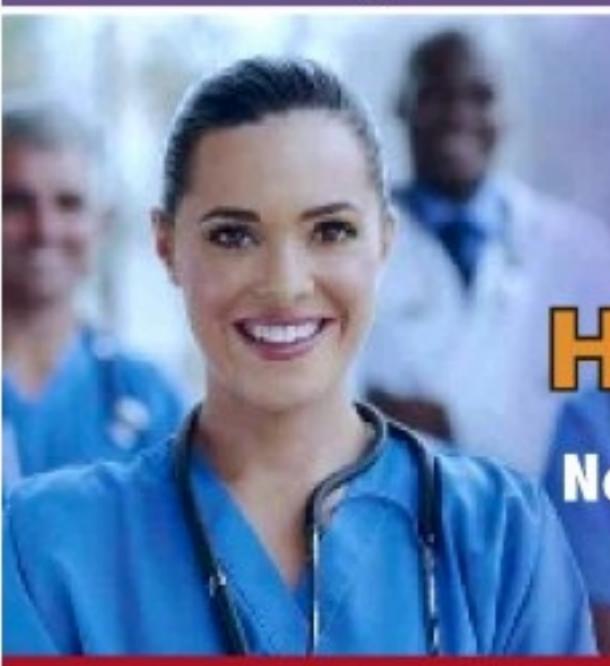
He made his remarks in a written statement Monday after a group pushing for the bid released a letter signed by the prime minister.

In Justin Trudeau's letter, he writes that if city council approves a bid, the federal government will "explore next steps."

The city's executive committee will meet Tuesday to discuss the proposition.

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Acquittal in Gray case

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Young black man suffered injuries in police van

A Baltimore officer was acquitted of assault and other charges Monday in the arrest of Freddie Gray, dealing prosecutors a second straight blow in their bid to hold police accountable for the black man's death from spinal injuries suffered in the back of a police van.

Freddie Gray
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The judge who decided Officer Edward Nero's fate in the non-jury trial concluded Nero played little role in the arrest and wasn't responsible for the failure by police to buckle Gray in during the jolting ride.

Upon hearing the verdict, Nero hugged his attorney and appeared to wipe away a tear.

Nero, who is white, was the second of six officers charged in the racially combustible case to stand trial. The manslaughter case against Officer William Porter ended in a mistrial in December when the jury deadlocked. Prosecutors plan to retry him at some point.

The next case to go to trial is that of the van driver, who faces the most serious charge of all, second-degree murder. His case is set for June 6.

Gray died a week after his neck was broken during the ride while he was handcuffed and shackled but not belted in. His death triggered rioting, looting and arson in Baltimore, and his name became a rallying cry in the nationwide furor over the deaths of black men in clashes with police.

Nero, 30, waived his right to a jury trial, choosing to argue his case before Circuit Judge Barry Williams.

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19-year-old Farah Sheikh Ahmed, from Idlib, Syria, with her baby girl Maram.

34-year-old Wajdan Shalhob, from Daraa, Syria, with her baby boy Faouaz.

24-year-old Asmaa, from Damascus, Syria, and her baby girl Jana.

Rojin, a Kurdish-Syrian mother from Qamishli, Syria, with her baby girl Beritan.

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MIGRANT CRISIS

The little newborns of Idomeni, Greece

The women walked across the Syrian border into Turkey heavily pregnant, crossed the Aegean Sea in perilous journeys that risked their own lives and those of the babies they carried, because they dreamed of their children being born in a better world, in a peaceful, prosperous country in central or northern Europe.

But Balkan and European countries shut their borders earlier this year, leaving pregnant women among 54,000 people stranded in Greece.

Trapped by the closure of the Macedonian border, dozens

of women have brought their children into the world in refugee camps in Greece, of which the largest is the sprawling, impromptu camp at Idomeni.

Uday was born on April 13. The entire first month of his life has been spent in the small tent his parents pitched in front of the Idomeni railway station, where his mother, 21-year-old Alia Mohamad, nurses him and struggles to quiet his constant crying.

"I don't know what his future is," said Mohamad, who fled with her husband from Aleppo in Syria and has been in Idomeni

since Feb. 28. "What I think is that my child's future is lost."

According to the local hospital in the nearby town of Kilkis, 120 women staying at Idomeni have given birth at the hospital since the start of the year, while one gave birth in the camp itself and was then transferred to the hospital.

Despite pressure from Greek authorities for refugees to leave the sprawling Idomeni camp for organized refugee camps elsewhere, many of the women with very young infants are reluctant to move, fearing there will not be adequate care there

for their babies. In Idomeni, volunteers and aid organizations have been delivering milk and other necessities.

Fatima Dali Hassan, a 25-year-old Kurd from Aleppo, arrived in Idomeni with her husband and three small daughters, when she was seven months pregnant.

The family's new member, a little boy they named Mohamed, was born in Kilkis hospital on March 27.

"We started (this journey) for a better future of my children," she said. "Syria is destroyed for the next 20 generations."

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Telecommuting is growing rapidly

WORKPLACE

Companies aim to save money, respond to employees

Like many Canadians, Carla Holub has gladly given up commuting for the ease and comfort of working from home.

The 41-year-old WestJet sales agent says she has no regrets since she made the change three years ago. Telecommuting affords her the time to take her children to dance lessons and hockey while reducing her lunch, coffee, gas and car insurance costs, she says.

"It's been a great switch," she said from Calgary. "It just freed up a good two hours of my personal time being able to work from my home office."

WestJet Airlines plans to establish a bilingual call centre in Moncton, N.B., but most of the 400 agents will work from home. They will join about 85 per cent of the airline's 900 call centre workers in Calgary who since 2013 have shifted to fielding customer calls remotely.

The move has saved WestJet the cost of expanding its office to accommodate its growing staff, though that is partially offset by expenses to buy extra computers for employees so



Louise Howard works on the baby clothes and accessories she makes from her home in Montreal. Howard is one of a growing number of Canadians working from home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

that they can work from home.

The shift to telecommuting has accelerated since the 1990s growth of technology, said Sheryl Boswell, director of marketing for job website Monster Canada.

She said most companies that allow employees to work from home are looking to build their businesses without added office expenses. They are also seeking access to a broader talent pool, she said.

More than 1.7 million

paid employees — those not self-employed — worked from home in 2008 at least once a week, up almost 23 per cent from the 1.4 million in 2000, according to the latest Statistics Canada report on the subject in 2010.

Despite the increase, the proportion of paid employees working from home grew by just one percentage point to 11.2 per cent during the period. A faster pace of growth among self-employed pushed the total

proportion of people working from home up two percentage points to 19 per cent in 2008.

Louise Howard is typical of those many self-employed home workers. The mother of children aged six and eight spends a few hours a day sewing clothing and accessories for children from her dining room that she sells online and to neighbourhood stores.

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The hummingbirds almost look alive. Intricately stitched in blues, hovering near pansies shaded purple and orange. It is a delicate piece of embroidery — a point underlined by the quote above the work, etched into glass that blocks fingers from stroking the threads: "I do this work out of love for my craft. No amount of money could cover the labour involved." — Faustina Sumano Garcia.

Her blouse was, of course, paid for. The Royal Ontario Museum commissioned it for a recent exhibition, *¡Viva México!* Clothing & Culture, which wrapped this past weekend. But the point is made: This is not fast-fashion handiwork. The blouse hangs beside blankets, tablecloths and dresses, all fabrics more properly deemed "textile art" in the exhibition literature. It took Garcia, an award-winning artist, "several" months to painstakingly hand embroider her piece in satin thread, we're told. And that makes it the antithesis of the fabrics we are surrounded by today.

On your body now likely hangs something far less fine. Perhaps that makes

sense. We're so used to owning a dozen of everything (dresses, pants,

shoes) that it would seem wild to spend all that much on each item.

Metro POLL

Who lost #Elbowgate?

After last Wednesday's melee in the House of Commons — when Prime Minister Justin Trudeau took the Conservative whip by the arm, elbowed an NDP MP and got into a verbal fight with NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair — all three parties sought to turn the incident to their advantage, and the media jumped all over the story. We asked: who came off looking worst?

61% Mulcair and the NDP. They completely overreacted.

19% The media. They sensationalized and worsened the situation.

17% Justin Trudeau. He acted like an arrogant, entitled lout.

3% The Conservatives. They could have taken the high road, but they didn't.

The media loves these easy stories instead of covering important issues.

Mulcair was unbelievably childish.

The elbowing was clearly accidental. An apology should have sufficed.

Trudeau was STUPID to get up and create this maelstrom.

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How frequently do you wander the aisles of an H&M or Zara and marvel at the fabric?



Bridgwater Forest residents need to roll up their sleeves

INSIDE THE PERIMETER

Shannon VanRaes



Trim-less windows are forbidden, wood fences can only be built using galvanized steel fasteners, and at minimum 15 per cent of your front yard must be plant beds composed of layered shrubs, perennials and ground covers, all of which need adhere to the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association standards. Yet with all the attention paid to where residents place satellite dishes, something big got missed along the way.

But that also means we routinely drape ourselves in relative cheapness. And it matters what you put against your skin. It matters how a fabric feels, whether it scratches, whether the fibres hold firm. It matters where and how it was farmed, spun and woven, and how much farmers and factory workers earned.

Aside from the ethical implications this brings up, which are many and important, the upshot is often ugly.

How frequently do you wander the aisles of an H&M or Zara and marvel at the fabric? All that is bright, printed and colourful is especially easy to discard for looking cheap. Prints lack depth, detail lacks precision. That leaves me living in monochromes — denim and blacks and greys that better hide their flaws, but which grow exceedingly dull.

It's probably too much to hope for that most people could afford quality. If we could, I'm sure we'd all sleep in silk sheets and never dream of donning polyester over cashmere. But I do wonder what it would be like to get dressed in the morning in fabrics that demands your respect. Respect for the process, for the craftsmanship, even a bit of adoration. Fast-fashion might give the illusion that we're looking good in whatever new top. But do we really? Or do we just look aspirational, and threadbare to boot.

taxes" doesn't quite cut it either. Yes, taxes are very high in Bridgwater Forest, but it's not just about ostentatious attempts at shrubbery and fountains. Taxes are about the burden new, far-flung urban sprawl places on governments. Fire and emergency services must expand, sewer and water face increased pressure, hospitals are located at a distance and schools must be built. Not to mention the cost of new roads and extended public transit.

With all of the things our property taxes need to pay for, it's no wonder grass cutting and dandelions are not priority number one.

The other thing that paying taxes seems to do is leave citizens with the feeling they can abdicate all responsibility for their community's upkeep. "I'm not doing that, I pay taxes!" is the battle cry of the suburban warrior.

Perhaps with time Bridgwater Forest and its affiliated communities will mature in both spirit and aesthetics, but it's doubtful the City of Winnipeg can afford to keep up its end of the agreement. It leaves Bridgwater residents with two uncomfortable choices: roll up their sleeves or accept that yellow is the new green.

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The more you Knowles

Beyoncé's surprise visual album *Lemonade* has been a lightning rod for discussion since its April 23 release. The response is a credit to the complexity of the album, both musically and visually. After all, it's hard to imagine American feminist Bell Hooks writing an essay on, say, the new Ariana Grande album the way she did with *Lemonade*. Here, three professors who teach Beyoncé give us a crash course on Queen B. Welcome to the University of Bey.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

1 Melissa Avdeeff

Position: Sessional lecturer in the School of Music, University of Victoria

Course Name: Beyoncé

Course Description: With Beyoncé as a case study, the course looks at race, gender and sexuality in popular music.

Why B? Avdeeff, a contributor to *The Beyoncé Effect*, a forthcoming book of critical essays, was interested in how Beyoncé disrupts norms of gender and sexuality.

"She's a very feminine figure, a very sexual figure, but she's also very strong-willed and independent," Avdeeff says.

Life After Lemonade: Releasing *Lemonade* on HBO, Avdeeff says, gave the project a water-cooler cachet reminiscent of a bygone media era.

"Think back to the '50s in television," she says.

"Everyone watched the same three channels so the next day you're like, 'Hey, did you see such and such on TV?' That was an event."

"We haven't had any other cultural products that have had such extensive think pieces and discussion on this level."



2 Kevin Allred

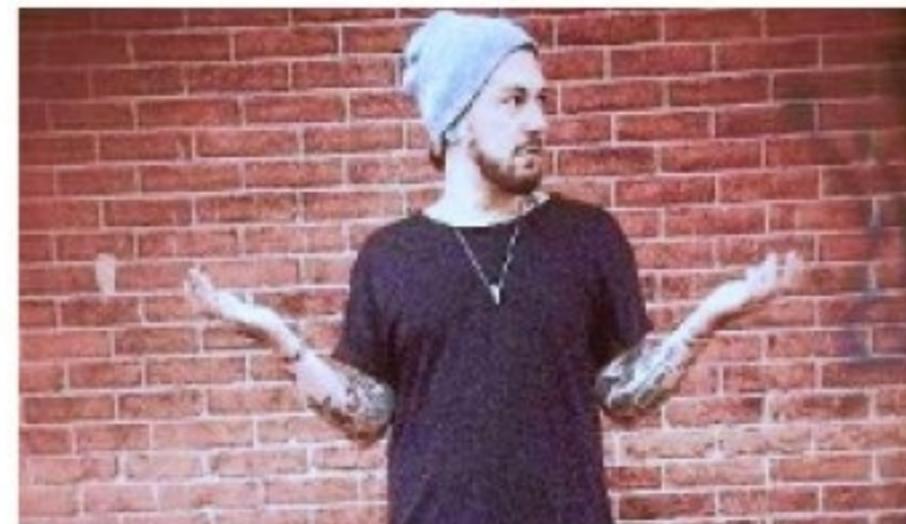
Position: Adjunct lecturer in American studies, Rutgers University

Course Name: Politicizing Beyoncé

Course Description: This course compares and contrasts Beyoncé's music and videos with seminal work by black female writers.

Why B? Allred finds Beyoncé's music and videos contain multiple layers. He argues the theme of infidelity that runs through *Lemonade*, for example, is allegorical for "the promise of rights; the promise of life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness; and how that has not been the case in a lot of ways, especially for black women."

Life After Lemonade: Get in Formation indeed. Allred aligns the imagery and themes of *Formation* and the *Formation* Tour with previous pop culture "movements," such as Janet Jackson's *Rhythm Nation*. "It's creating a movement with the music," he says. "It's not just a tour."



3 Naila Keleta-Mae

Position: Assistant professor of theatre and performance, University of Waterloo

Course Name: Gender and Performance

Course Description: Viewing Beyoncé's 2013 self-titled visual album as a series of performances through the lens of feminist theory.



Why B? As a scholar specializing in performance, Keleta-Mae saw the music videos that accompanied Beyoncé as a unique opportunity to analyze a pop star's self-presentation. Keleta-Mae was also energized by the excerpt of writer Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's TEDx talk *We Should All Be Feminists* on the song *Flawless*.

"*Flawless*' has competing ideas, that we should all be feminists and on the other hand the refrain is 'bow down b-s,'" Keleta-Mae says. "How do we reconcile both of those within the space of a four-minute video?"

Life After Lemonade: Keleta-Mae applauds Beyoncé for making the black female experience the spine of a major pop album, but balks at critics who feel Beyoncé isn't enough of an agitator. "People want her to be more feminist, to be more radical, to be less mainstream," she says. "What's lost in all that is that she is a mainstream pop artist. Historically mainstream artists haven't been the ones to upset the mainstream. Otherwise they won't continue to occupy that position of influence and power. The expectation that she would take on the kinds of stances that aren't mainstream to me makes no sense. If Beyoncé starts speaking about radical feminism then she is not Beyoncé anymore."

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My job is to convey information in a meaningful way to clients. I perform analysis on utility data to identify trends and opportunities for optimizing building performance, and have also conducted energy audits within commercial spaces to measure energy consumption, recommend conservation strategies and calculate potential savings.

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MONEY MATTERS

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I'm not saying you can't ever impulsively get an ice cream. Just don't make that impulsive response your bridge over an emotional gully.

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Expo showcases lifestyle services for older adults

Social recreational and community services for older adults will be front and centre at an upcoming housing and active lifestyle expo.

The 9th annual A & O: Support Services for Older Adults 55+ Housing & Active Lifestyles Expo is the place to be on May 30, according to A & O manager of community services Michelle Ranville, who says this year will be bigger than ever.

"Due to the phenomenal success of last year's show, we are once again offering free admission for this year's event with free parking," she says. "In fact, due to popular demand this year's show has extended hours so more people can experience it. If you have questions about housing options and services available to older Manitobans, the answers can be found at this event."

The Expo will showcase over 100 exhibitors that are knowledgeable in housing and support services for older adults, as well as presentations on a variety of topics including personal safety by the Winnipeg Police Service, housing



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options and estate planning.

"The event will include exhibitors representing housing facilities, active lifestyle opportunities, senior living communities, housing support services, financial services, moving and storage options, realtors, home safety and security, and various public and non-profit agencies that provide services related to older adults."

The event will be held at Victoria Inn from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. If you're looking for more information or a schedule, please visit aosupportservices.ca or call A & O at (204) 956-6440.

Have it made in the shade with sunglasses tailored just for you

Now that summer is upon us, it's getting hot outside and with the heat comes the sun. This means it's important to protect your eyes from the rays of the sun.

People love enjoying spending their time outside but the harmful rays can have serious consequences to your vision. While sunglasses are a trendy accessory for fun in the sun, they are actually important in the protection of your eyes, according to Nowlan and Moore Optometric.

There are several trends to consider when choosing sunglasses because you are not just wearing them for driving or walking but for your recreational activity or for outdoor high-performance activities, too.

Weekend warriors pursuing outdoor sport or activity will especially want to consider these options.

At Nowlan and Moore, the sunglasses have UVA and UVB ray protection, which will protect your eyes year round. Each pair of sunglasses is tailored to the client's specific prescription needs and the clinic offers interchangeable lenses that are great for more flexibility due to changing weather.

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the darker colours for bright sunshine to yellow or orange tints for lower light. Photochromic lenses that change colour automatically also make a great choice.

There are many other things to consider when choosing the perfect sunglasses to invest in and the team at Nowlan and Moore is there to guide you in the right direction. Book an appointment at either location: Winnipeg (204) 942-0059 or Winkler (204) 325-8986.

EXTENDED HOURS!

9th Annual
55+ Housing & Active
Lifestyles Expo

A&O
Support Services for Older Adults

Date: Monday May 30, 2016
Time: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Location: Victoria Inn
1808 Wellington Ave., Winnipeg, MB

FREE ADMISSION!

The event will include exhibitors representing housing facilities, housing support services, care facilities, financial services, moving and storage options, realtors, home safety and security and various public and non-profit agencies that provide services or assistance to older adults.

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GOLF EQUIPMENT

Find the best fit for you with these pro tips

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Soft or hard. Amateur, pro, women's, men's, seniors — when it comes to finding the right ball for your game, there is seemingly an overwhelming amount of choice out there.

For Barry Gibson, PGA of Canada golf professional, owner McGibby's Golf at St. Vital Golf Centre, and the general manager of the Maplewood Golf Club, the choice comes down to fit — both for your game and your budget.

"Use a decent quality ball that feels good and fits your budget," he said. "I've got customers who are using Titleist Pro V1's starting out — they don't care! But there are lots of good balls out there for \$18 to \$25 a dozen or 15 ball."

"Or check out the used miscellaneous ball bin at the pro shop front counter if you're really green!"

Dave Comaskey, executive



Duffers can check out the pro shop's used ball bin but once your game is more consistent it's time to ask for a 'ball fitting.' iSTOCK

director, Golf Manitoba, said the best resource if you have questions is your local pro — and don't be afraid to ask.

"PGA Professionals are trained

to determine the ideal golf ball for someone's ability," he said, adding that the right ball can make a difference to your game. "Depending on swing speed and

ability, the ball can make a significant difference. Again, PGA professionals are well trained to assist with 'ball fittings.'

There's no need for a ball to

be matched to an individual for early golfers, but that doesn't mean you can't find one that 'feels right for you.'

"It's all feel and preference,

but through trial and error you'll find a couple you like — and stick to using the same ball once you find one!" Gibson explained. "There is some merit to ball fitting once you become more consistent."

And today's most popular ball? The Titleist Pro V1 — and Gibson said that the ball is more than just savvy marketing.

"Titleist Pro V1 is probably still most popular ball on the pro tours and market," he said. "It performs exceptionally well for all types of golfer, it's very versatile, and delivers good distance, feel, and performance around the green. It does go beyond marketing!"

Beyond distance and touch, having the 'right' ball can help your game.

"A ball can do a lot to improve your confidence and feel!" Gibson said.



Golf is a game that's mostly mental, but new technology can help build your confidence. iSTOCK

Apps that analyze your swing

Whether you're a weekend duffer or a little more seasoned, everyone's looking to shave strokes off their golf game. That's led to the rise in golf technology.

"Golf is a highly personalized game and golf is 80 per cent mental," explained Steaven Leavitt, owner of Golf Traders. "If you are using something that makes you feel more confident or comfortable in your game, it can help."

Leavitt referenced three technological advances:

- **Game Golf**, a device that you attach a sensor to your belt and another on the end of each club, which provides you with information about your distance after each shot, as well as tracking and displaying your game;

- **Swingbyte**, a mobile swing analysis that you attach to the shaft of your club, which works with your smart phone or tablet; and

- **FlightScope**: Golf Traders is

moving this month and the new space will include a top-of-the-line Flight Scope that enables golfers to test clubs and receive real-time data.

But in the end, no device will be the magic bullet.

"There are gadgets that can help you hone your game and lose strokes, but lessons and repetition are going to be the best solutions," Leavitt said. "You're the one that still has to swing the club."

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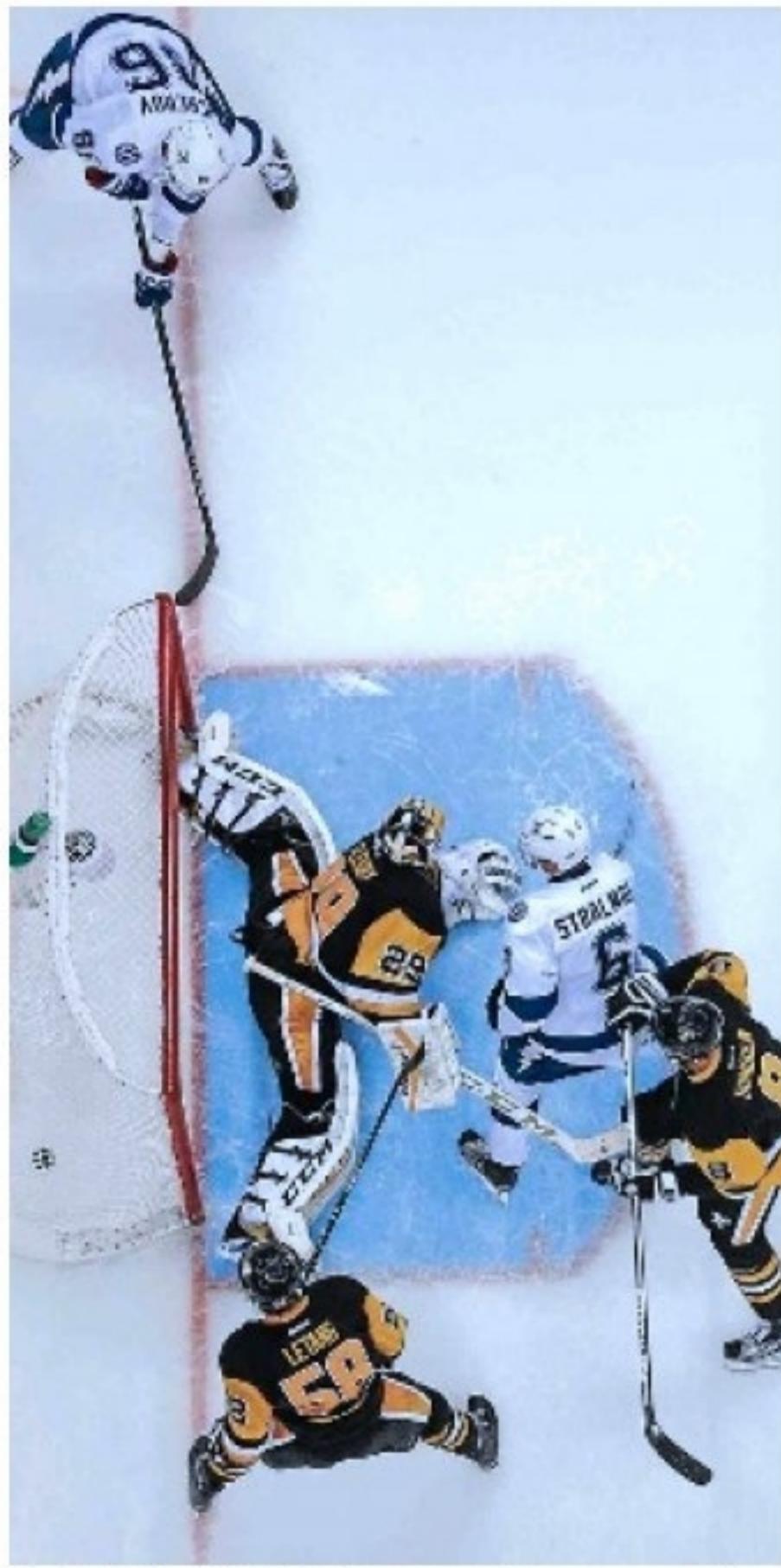
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Milos Raonic advanced to the second round of the French Open with a 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (5) win over Janko Tipsarevic Monday



The Lightning's Nikita Kucherov scores the game-equalizing goal against the Penguins in Tampa Bay's 4-3 overtime win in Pittsburgh on Saturday night. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Green blames Westbrook for low blow

Draymond Green knows who is responsible for his kick to the groin of Thunder centre Steven Adams: Russell Westbrook and the rest of the NBA stars who get to the foul line with a whole lot of salesmanship.

Green's kick felled the seven-foot, 255-pound Adams during the second quarter of Golden State's Game 3 loss to Oklahoma City in the Western Conference final on Sunday night. Westbrook later said Green kicked Adams intentionally—and that didn't go over well with the Warriors' standout.

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The NBA fined Green \$25,000 for the kick.

"There are multiple plays where I did it later in the game when I got fouled and my right leg went up," Green said Monday. "I always do it. Russell said I did it on purpose, but he's part of the superstar group that started all this acting in the NBA."

Green even pointed to a play at the end of the second quarter, when Green fouled Westbrook on a long three-pointer.

"Russell Westbrook kicked me at the end of the half," Green said. "He just didn't happen to catch me where I caught Steven Adams."

Westbrook wasn't thrilled with Green's comments, calling Green's foul on the three-pointer a "dumb play on his part."

"I've never been fined for one flop since I've been playing in the NBA," Westbrook said. "I don't know about no flopping

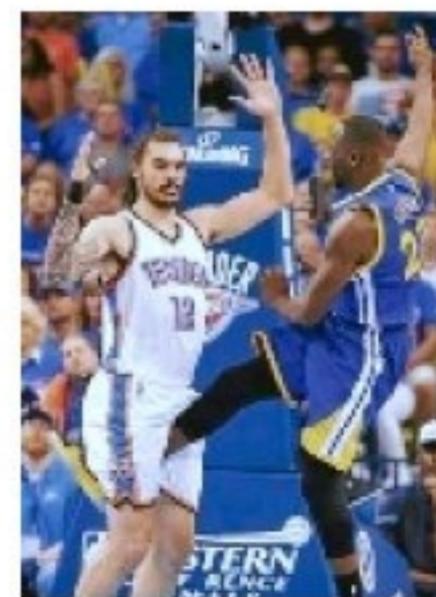
or nothing. I don't know how to flop. But it seems like he was the one that was flailing, kicking his legs out and stuff yesterday. It wasn't me."

Green was called for a Flagrant 1 foul. The league later upgraded the foul to a Flagrant 2, which would have resulted in an automatic ejection.

Adams noted that Green had kneed him in the same spot during Game 2.

The defending champion Warriors trail 2-1 in the series with Game 4 on Tuesday night.

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The Warriors' Draymond Green kicks Thunder centre Steven Adams between the legs. BRYAN TERRY/THE OKLAHOMAN/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The big-game assassin, Nikita

NHL PLAYOFFS

Time after time, Russian winger steps up for Lightning

The bigger the playoff moment, the more Nikita Kucherov shines.

The young Russian has a knack for scoring when Tampa Bay needs it most, which is one of the reasons the Lightning are within one victory of reaching the Stanley Cup final for the second straight year.

Kucherov has found the back of the net an NHL-leading 11 times in 15 games this post-season, seven of them in situations in which he's either tied the score or given his team a lead.

The 22-year-old's latest addition to his impressive playoff resumé he began compiling last year was a late goal Sunday to force overtime against Pittsburgh in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference final. He also notched an assist on Tyler Johnson's winner less than a minute into the extra period.

The 4-3 victory on the road gave Tampa Bay a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series. Game 6 is Tuesday night in Tampa, Fla.

"When you're a rising star in this league, as he is ... every team's got one of those guys at some point," Lightning coach

Jon Cooper said. "It just seems the bigger the moment, the bigger they rise to the occasion. He is proving that last year wasn't a fluke. He's just a gifted, skilled, determined player. He's really a pleasure to coach."

Kucherov had 10 goals in 26 playoff games a year ago, including a pair of overtime winners that helped the Lightning to the Stanley Cup final, where they lost to the Chicago Blackhawks in six games. One more victory and Tampa Bay will become the first team to make consecutive trips to the championship round since the Penguins and Detroit Red Wings did it in 2008 and 2009.

"He keeps climbing the ladder, and he keeps getting better. But what has really been remarkable for me this year in watching him is the timeliness of his game. He's not scoring one goal in a 6-1 loss or the sixth goal in a 6-1 win," Cooper said Monday.

"He's getting the game-tier, game-winner; sets up the biggest of the biggest goals, and that says a little bit about the type of player you are," the coach added.

Pittsburgh has gone from a 2-1 series lead to facing elimination for the first time this post-season after losing consecutively for the first time since January.

Coach Mike Sullivan said he won't make a decision on a



When you need him, he's the one ultimately, more often than not, that's there for you.

Lightning coach Jon Cooper on Nikita Kucherov

starting goaltender for Game 6 until Tuesday morning. Marc-Andre Fleury made his first start in nearly two months in Game 5, and was unable to protect leads of 2-0 and 3-2.

Rookie Matt Murray started the first four games of this series and is 9-4 with a 2.33 goals-against-average and .923 save percentage.

"I thought Marc made some big saves for us, especially early in the game," Penguins coach Mike Sullivan said, adding it was difficult to gauge how much the long layoff impacted Fleury's performance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

McDavid picks golden moment to strike

Connor McDavid's first goal of the world hockey championship proved to be golden. The defence and goaltending took care of the rest.

McDavid's goal in the first period stood as the winner, backing a 16-save shutout from Cam Talbot as Canada successfully defended its world championship title with a 2-0 win over Finland in the tournament final on Sunday in Moscow.

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Brady requests appeals court to reopen case

Tom Brady's lawyers asked a federal appeals court for a new hearing before an expanded panel of judges, telling them on Monday that it is not just a silly dispute over underinflated footballs — it's the basic right to a fair process that is shared by all union workers.

Brady faces a four-game suspension.

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From wreck to triumph, Hinchcliffe earns Indy pole

James Hinchcliffe will start with the best view in this year's Indianapolis 500 after edging American Josef Newgarden on the final qualifying attempt Sunday to claim his first IndyCar pole.

A year ago, Hinchcliffe watched the 500 from a hospital bed after a broken suspension part punctured him in the left leg. The injury required life-saving surgery and forced the Canadian to miss the season's final 11 races.

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Man United fires van Gaal

Louis van Gaal was fired by Manchester United on Monday after months of uncertainty around his position as the team struggled despite more than \$350 million spent on new players during his two years in charge.

United is now set to make Jose Mourinho its third manager in the three years since Alex Ferguson's trophy-laden 26-year dynasty ended.

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RECIPE Corn and Black Bean Cous Cous Salad

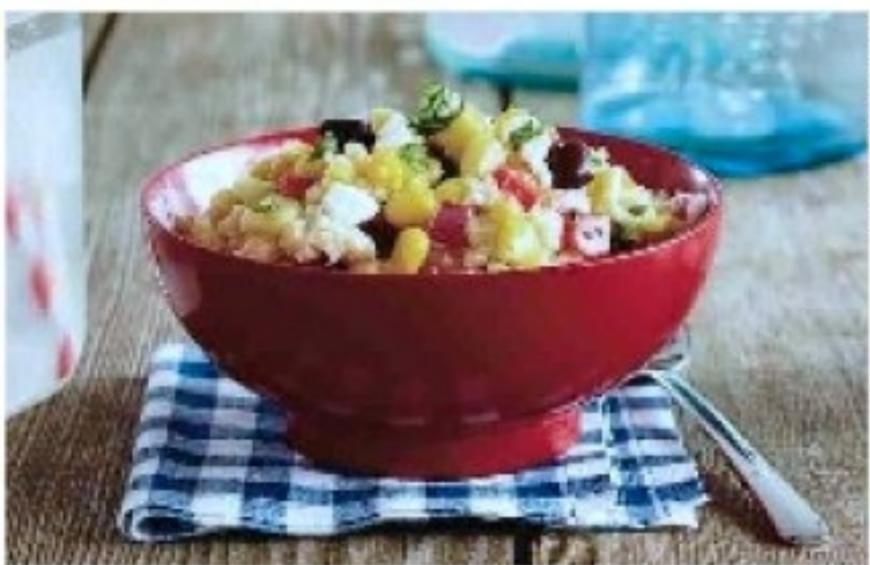


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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

A hearty salad on its own or top it with grilled chicken for a quick and easy dish.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 package couscous
- 4 ears of corn, boiled
- 1 red bell pepper, cored, seeded and diced
- 1 can organic black beans, rinsed and drained
- ½ cup finely chopped red onion
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/3 cup cilantro, finely chopped

Dressing

- 1 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Directions

1. Cook couscous according to package directions. Bring a large pot of salted water to boil. Drop in corn. Allow to cook for 3 minutes, or until corn is tender. Remove from water and allow to cool. Cut corn kernels from cob.
2. Pour couscous into a large mixing bowl and stir in corn, black beans, red bell pepper and feta. In a small bowl, whisk the olive oil, rice wine vinegar, lime juice and honey. Sprinkle in the salt and stir.
3. Pour dressing over salad and mix to coat couscous. Stir in cilantro. Serve immediately or chill for one hour and serve cold.

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* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
In the next three weeks, you will notice more beauty in your surroundings. In addition, you will be aware of how much love there is in your daily world.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Look for ways to boost your income in the next few weeks, because you can do this. You will want to buy beautiful things for yourself and for loved ones.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Today Fair Venus moves into your sign to stay for the next three weeks. This means this is perhaps the best time of the year for you to buy wardrobe goodies.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Clandestine love affairs and secret rendezvous will take place for many of you in the next few weeks. (Don't threaten a long-term relationship with a mere bonbon.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Friendships will warm up in the next few weeks. In fact, many of you will attract creative, artistic people to you. Expect a lovely, social time ahead.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
In the next few weeks, someone will ask for your creative input on form, design, layout, gardening, furniture arrangement — whatever. Relations with authority figures will be cozy as well.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Travel for pleasure will appeal to you in the month ahead. Grab every chance you can to expand your world and enjoy museums and the creative art of other cultures.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Keep your pockets open, because gifts, goodies and money from others will come your way in the next several weeks. Don't ask questions. Just say, "Thank you!"

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Venus opposite your sign for the next few weeks is one of the best times for warm friendships, marriages and close partnerships. Venus paves the way for a lovely give and take.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Praise, a raise and improved relations with co-workers will please you in the next few weeks. Even your health will feel improved.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Romance, love affairs, vacations, fun times at sports events and playful activities with children are tops on the menu for you in the next month. Aquarians are ready to play.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will love to redecorate your digs in the next several weeks. However, this is also a good time for real-estate possibilities and entertaining at home.

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